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-- Claim 54. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 53 wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable salt is selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and ammonium salts. --

-- Claim 55. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 54 wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a sodium salt. --

-- Claim 56. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 55 wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable salt is alendronate monosodium trihydrate. --

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 53-56 will be pending.

Claim 53 has been amended to include the term "or esters thereof", support for which is found at page 17, lines 10-11.

New *dependent* Claims 54-56 have been added to recite various alendronate salts. Support for these salts is found at page 17, lines 8-10 and at page 19, line 14.

Applicant has also submitted a supplemental information disclosure statement for this application on June 12, 2000.

In summary, Applicants respectfully request examination and passage to issuance of Claims 53-56.

Respectfully submitted,

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